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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" I am sorry for the insinuation made by the hon. Member. I do not think that the hon. Member is justified in trying to find out arguments to connect the permit-holders with the Hon. Minister for Revenue."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" இதில் உள் நோக்கம் ஒன்றும் கற்பிக்கவேண்டியதில்லை. உண்மையே போதுமானது. 'Economic and viable unitகள்தான் ஏற்படுத்தவேண்டும் என்று சர்க்கார் கொள்கை வகுத்துள்ளபோது ஒரு புது ஆபரேட்டருக்கு பெர்மிட் கொடுக்கப்பட்டதேன்.? அதுவும் ஒரே வருஷத்தில் அவருக்கு மூன்று பர்மிட்டுகள் வழங்கியுள்ளதேன் ? அந்த நபர் காங்கிரஸ் M.L.A.-யின் தகப்பனாராகவும், மந்திரி ஒருவரின் நெருங்கிய உறவினராகவும் இருப்பதால், சந்தேகம் ஏற்படுவது நியாயம் அல்லவா ? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" பஸ் பர்மிட் பெறுகிறவர்கள் ஒருவருக்கொருவர் சம்பந்தம் இருந்து கொண்டுதான் இருக்கும். அவர்களுக்கு வையபிள் யூனிட் என்று கொடுக்கவில்லை. 1949-ம் வருஷத்திலிருந்து சட்டப் பிரகாரம்தான் அவர்களுக்கு பர்மிட் கொடுத்துகொண்டுவருகிறார்கள். ஒவ்வொரு ஆண்டும் அவர்கள் புதுப்பித்துக்கொண்டுவருகிறார்கள். சொந்தக்காரர்கள் என்ற காரணத்தினால் அவர்களுக்கு கொடுக்கவில்லை."

SRI P. CHELLATHURAI :—" கனம் மந்திரி யாருக்கோ, காங்கிரஸ் M.L.A. உறவினராகவுள்ள பஸ் செலுத்துபவருக்கோ பர்மிட் கொடுக்கக் கூடாதென்று சட்டம் உண்டா ? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" அப்படி ஒரு சட்டம் இருப்பதாக தோன்றவில்லை."

*Slums in Madras.*

* 822 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many slums in the city are under the control of the Corporation of Madras, the Harijan Welfare Department, the Collector of Madras, the City Improvement Trust and other Government departments;

(*b*) how many slums belonging to the Government department have not been provided with sanitary amenities;

(*c*) since how long the Harijan and others have been living in those slums; and

(*d*) how many slums have been so far assigned to the respective occupiers?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) The numbers of slums under the control of the Corporation, etc., are as follows :—

| Name of the Department or local authority. | Number of slums under control. |
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| The Corporation of Madras .. .. | 1[illegible]0 |
| The Harijan Welfare Department. .. | 34 |
| The Collector of Madras .. . | 13 |
| The Madras City Improvement Trust. | 6 |
| Public Works Department .. .. | 1 |

The ownership of six other slums has not yet been decided.

" (b) 24.

" (c) It is not possible to furnish exact duration of occupation. The occupiers of some of the slums were there for several years.

" (d) The lands covered by five slums as well as part of another slum under the charge of the Collector of Madras and about 1,210 sites out of the slums under the control of the Harijan Welfare Department have been assigned to the respective occupiers. Plots formed in two slum areas under the charge of the Madras City Improvement Trust have been leased out to the residents of the area."

Sri A. Ratnam :—" Arising out of the answer of the Hon. Minister for Public Health, may I know what are the reasons for not assigning the Government and Corporation lands to the respective occupiers who are mostly Harijans and whether the Government will come forward to constitute a committee to look into this question and submit a report? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. Shetty :—" The reasons for the delay in providing amenities are due to the fact that the lay-out in respect of these slums are pennding with the Director of Town-Planning and the Madras Corporation and also due to the fact that there is over-congestion in some of the slums."

Sri S. Ramalingam :—" In the Congress Exhibition, there is an exhibit showing the slums improved in the City of Madras . . ."

Mr. Speaker :—" Is it the Congress Exhibition or the Government Exhibition? "

Sri S. Ramalingam :—" I mean, Sir, in the stall organised by the Government there is an exhibit showing the slums improved in the City of Madras. I wish to know how many slums have been improved on the model shown in the exhibition? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. Shetty :—" The Corporation has improved 40 slums on Corporation lands and 10 slums on Government land. All the Corporation slums have been improved except only one."

Sri S. Daivasigamoney :—" May I know in whose control are the slums in the barbour area, on the pathways, on the payments in Kothawal Bazaar and in all other crowded places? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. Shetty :—" Slums are under the control of different agencies and I cannot give the information off-hand."

Sri M. Kalyanasundaram :—" May I know whether the Hon. Minister has seen the model which has been exhibited in the Congress Exhibition on behalf of the Government? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. Shetty :—" I have not seen it."

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SRI A. RATNAM :—" May I know why the Government are not extending any help or allotting any money to the occupiers of these slums who are Harijans, in the City of Madras as also in the mofussil? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" A separate question may be put."

*Closure of industrial concerns in Malabar.*

* 823 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many industrial concerns were closed partially or wholly in Malabar in the last one year;

(*b*) how many workers were affected; and

(*c*) what steps have been taken by the Government to get the concerns reopened?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Fourteen industrial concerns were closed in Malabar district during the period from 1st January 1953 to 31st July 1954. Except one, the rest were permanently closed.

" (*b*) 1,791.

" (*c*) As and when industrial disputes arise over the question of closure of industrial establishments, they are examined and deserving cases referred to the Industrial Tribunals. The workers thus seek relief through the Industrial Tribunals in the shape of compensation. The Government consider that they cannot compel an employer to open his factory either through judicial or executive actions, if the closure of the factory is due to bona fide causes."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Did the provisions of the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act in respect of lay-off wages, etc., apply to any of these concerns closed and if so with what result? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The provisions relating to lay-off wages, no doubt, apply to these concerns that were closed. But regarding further particulars, I would like to have notice."

*Tenancy legislation for South Kanara.*

* 824 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the answers given to questions Nos. 48, 49 and 50 on 15th December 1953, when the Government propose to introduce the proposed tenancy legislation for South Kanara?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" No final decision has yet been reached by the Government. Meanwhile action has been taken to extend the life of the South Kanara Cultivating Tenants Protection Act, 1954."